

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

A 1. - 9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method for real-time communication among two or more individuals separated in space, comprising the steps of:

determining that a first individual is likely to be interested in communicating with a second individual via a first communications link;

retrieving information via the first communications link about one or more additional individuals from electronic memory means associated with the second individual; and

establishing communication with at least one of the additional individuals based on the retrieved information; and ~~The method of claim 1~~, wherein the information retrieved from the electronic memory means associated with the second individual is organized in a personal directory included in the electronic memory means.

2 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the information about one or more individuals in the personal directory is entered manually by the second individual.

12. (Canceled).

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13. (Currently Amended) A method for real-time communication among two or more individuals separated in space, comprising the steps of:

determining that a first individual is likely to be interested in communicating with a second individual via a first communications link;

retrieving information via the first communications link about one or more additional individuals from electronic memory means associated with the second individual; and

establishing communication with at least one of the additional individuals based on the retrieved information; and wherein the information in the electronic memory means is obtained by observing previous communications between the second individual and one of the individuals in the electronic memory means; and The method of claim 12 wherein the information is organized in a personal directory included in the electronic memory means.

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(Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the second individual sets permissions associated to the access of the personal directory by others.

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(Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the permissions set allow the personal directory associated with the second individual to be accessed by the public.

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24. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the permissions set allow the personal directory associated with the second individual to be accessed by specific persons or group of persons designated by the second individual.

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25. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the permissions set make public a plurality of individual records, each record containing information corresponding to each of the at least one individuals.

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26. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the permissions set make available, to specific persons or group of persons, a plurality of individual records, each record containing information corresponding to each of the at least one individuals.

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27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the permissions set for a given personal directory vary according to a mode of use in a collaborative conferencing session.

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28. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the second individual sets permission associated to the access of the personal directory by others.

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29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the permissions set allow the personal directory associated with the second individual to be accessed by the public.

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30. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the permissions set allow the personal directory associated with the second individual to be accessed by specific persons or group of persons designated by the second individual.

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A 31. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the permissions set make public a plurality of individual records, each record containing information corresponding to each of the at least one individuals.

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32. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the permissions set make available, to specific persons or group of persons, a plurality of individual records, each record containing information corresponding to each of the at least one individuals.

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33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the permissions set for a given personal directory vary according to a mode of use in a collaborative conferencing session.

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